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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013-14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 674

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 18000 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to small business regulations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 674, as amended, Quirk-Silva. Small business regulations. *Microenterprise*.

Existing law defines microenterprise as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation that has fewer than 5 employees, including the owner, and generally lacks access to conventional loans, equity, or other banking services, as provided. Existing law encourages specified local agencies to access, include, and promote local partnerships that invest in microenterprise development, as provided.

This bill would expand the definition of microenterprise to include those entities that have fewer than 10 employees, including the owner, as prescribed.

Under existing law, various regulations have been promulgated with respect to the regulation of small businesses.

This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would address issues relating to small business regulations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 18000 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

- 18000. (a) (1) For purposes of this part, "microenterprise" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation that meets all of the following requirements:
 - (A) Has fewer than five 10 employees, including the owner.
 - (B) Is part time or full time.
- (C) Generally lacks access to conventional loans, equity, or other banking services.
- (2) Microenterprises are distinct from small businesses or microbusinesses and include, but are not limited to, businesses that provide child development services, businesses that provide landscaping services, businesses that provide building maintenance, businesses that provide personal and business services, businesses that provide specialty food products, and home-based businesses.
- (b) For purposes of this part, "microenterprise development provider" means a nonprofit or public agency that provides self-employment training, technical assistance, and access to microloans to individuals seeking to become self-employed or to expand their current business.
- SECTION 1. The Legislature intends to enact legislation that would address issues relating to small business regulations.